

IC 9-20-5

Chapter 5. Heavy Duty Highways and Extra Heavy Duty Highways

IC 9-20-5-1

Establishment and designation of heavy duty highways; removal of designation; publication of map

Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana department of transportation may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

- (1) Establish and designate a highway as a heavy duty highway.
- (2) Remove the designation of a highway or part of a highway as a heavy duty highway.

(b) The Indiana department of transportation shall periodically publish a map showing all highways designated by the department at the time as heavy duty highways.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.

IC 9-20-5-2

Maximum weight limitations; heavy duty highways

Sec. 2. Whenever the Indiana department of transportation designates a heavy duty highway, the department shall also fix the maximum weights of vehicles that may be transported on the highway. The maximum weights may not exceed the following limitations:

- (1) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle weight in excess of twenty-two thousand four hundred (22,400) pounds.
- (2) The total weight concentrated on the roadway surface from any tandem axle group may not exceed eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds for each axle of the assembly.
- (3) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of a vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.

IC 9-20-5-3

Designation of heavy duty highways; conditions

Sec. 3. The Indiana department of transportation may not designate an Indiana highway as a heavy duty highway unless the department finds that the highway is:

- (1) so constructed and can be so maintained; or
- (2) in such condition;

that the use of the highway as a heavy duty highway will not materially decrease or contribute materially to the decrease of the ordinary useful life of the highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.

IC 9-20-5-4

Extra heavy duty highways; listing

Sec. 4. In addition to the highways established and designated as heavy duty highways under section 1 of this chapter, the following highways are designated as extra heavy duty highways:

- (1) Highway 41, from 129th Street in Hammond to Highway 312.
- (2) Highway 312, from Highway 41 to State Road 912.
- (3) Highway 912, from Michigan Avenue in East Chicago to the U.S. 20 interchange.
- (4) Highway 20, from Clark Road in Gary to Highway 39.
- (5) Highway 12, from one-fourth (1/4) mile west of the Midwest Steel entrance to Highway 249.
- (6) Highway 249, from Highway 12 to Highway 20.
- (7) Highway 12, from one and one-half (1 1/2) miles east of the Bethlehem Steel entrance to Highway 149.
- (8) Highway 149, from Highway 12 to a point thirty-six hundredths (.36) of a mile south of Highway 20.
- (9) Highway 39, from Highway 20 to the Michigan state line.
- (10) Highway 20, from Highway 39 to Highway 2.
- (11) Highway 2, from Highway 20 to Highway 31.
- (12) Highway 31, from the Michigan state line to Highway 23.
- (13) Highway 23, from Highway 31 to Olive Street in South Bend.
- (14) Highway 35, from South Motts Parkway thirty-four hundredths (.34) of a mile southeast to the point where Highway 35 intersects with the overpass for Highway 20/Highway 212.
- (15) State Road 249 from U.S. 12 to the point where State Road 249 intersects with Nelson Drive at the Port of Indiana.
- (16) State Road 912 from the 15th Avenue and 169th Street interchange one and six hundredths (1.06) miles north to the U.S. 20 interchange.
- (17) U.S. 20 from the State Road 912 interchange three and seventeen hundredths (3.17) miles east to U.S. 12.
- (18) U.S. 6 from the Ohio state line to State Road 9.
- (19) U.S. 30 from Allen County/Whitley County Line Road (also known as County Road 800 East) to State Road 9.
- (20) State Road 9 from U.S. 30 to U.S. 6.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.12-1991, SEC.4; P.L.123-1993, SEC.1; P.L.124-1993, SEC.1; P.L.119-1995, SEC.2; P.L.45-1999, SEC.1; P.L.79-2000, SEC.3; P.L.147-2002, SEC.2; P.L.10-2004, SEC.1.

IC 9-20-5-4.5 Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.123-1993, SEC.2.)

IC 9-20-5-5**Maximum size and weight limitations; extra heavy duty highways**

Sec. 5. The maximum size and weight limits for vehicles operated with a special weight permit on an extra heavy duty highway are as

follows:

- (1) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim.
- (2) A single axle weight may not exceed eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.
- (3) An axle in an axle combination may not exceed thirteen thousand (13,000) pounds per axle, with the exception of one (1) tandem group that may weigh sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds per axle or a total of thirty-two thousand (32,000) pounds.
- (4) The total gross weight, with load, of any vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand (134,000) pounds.
- (5) Axle spacings may not be less than three (3) feet, six (6) inches, between each axle in an axle combination.
- (6) Axle spacings may not be less than eight (8) feet between each axle or axle combination.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.

IC 9-20-5-6

Safety procedures; implementation

Sec. 6. The Indiana department of transportation shall implement procedures that, in cooperation with the state police department and local police departments, enhance the safety of citizens along and near extra heavy duty highways listed in section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.

IC 9-20-5-7

Special weight permits; extra heavy duty highways

Sec. 7. The owner or operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total gross weight in excess of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds but less than one hundred thirty-four thousand (134,000) pounds must:

- (1) obtain a special weight registration permit;
- (2) register annually and pay annually a registration fee to the department of state revenue; and
- (3) install an approved automated vehicle identifier in each vehicle operating with a special weight permit;

to travel on an extra heavy duty highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.122-1993, SEC.2; P.L.129-2001, SEC.30.

IC 9-20-5-8

Conditions under which permits not to be issued

Sec. 8. The Indiana department of transportation may not issue a permit under this chapter for the operation of a vehicle if any of the following conditions apply:

- (1) The owner or operator of the vehicle has not complied with IC 8-2.1-24.

(2) The owner or operator of the vehicle has not provided the Indiana department of transportation with the owner's or operator's Social Security number or federal identification number.

(3) The owner or operator of the vehicle has not registered the vehicle with the bureau, if the vehicle is required to be registered under IC 9-18.

As added by P.L.122-1993, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.110-1995, SEC.30.